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ACTION INR-00

INFO	LOG-00	NP-00	AF-00	AS-01	A-00	ACQ-00	CIAE-00
	INL-00	DODE-00	DS-00	EUR-00	UTED-00	VC-00	TEDE-00
	LAB-01	VCE-00	NSAE-00	TEST-00	USIE-00	IIP-00	DSCC-00
	DRL-02	NFAT-00	SAS-00	/004W			

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FM AMEMBASSY HARARE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0265
INFO NSC WASHDC
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY WINDHOEK
AMEMBASSY GABORONE
AMEMBASSY LILONGWE
AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SIPDIS

AF/PD FOR COX, ROBERTSON, AF/S FOR SCHLACHTER, AF/RA FOR
SWANN, INR/R/MR, NSC FOR JENDAYI FRAZER

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: PRIVATE WEEKLY CRITICIZED CHANGES TO ELECTORAL ACT

- [11.](#) THE PRIVATELY OWNED WEEKLY "THE STANDARD" DEDICATED ITS NOVEMBER 11 EDITORIAL TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO ZIMBABWE'S ELECTORAL ACT. UNDER HEADLINE "MASSIVE FRAUD IN THE MAKING," THE PAPER COMMENTS:
- [12.](#) "AMENDMENTS APPROVED THIS WEEK TO THE ELECTORAL ACT BY THE GOVERNMENT. . .REPRESENT ONE OF THE MOST ELABORATE FRAUD SCHEMES EVER DEvised IN RECENT HISTORY. . . THE LATEST AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTORAL ACT BY THE GOVERNMENT. . .ARE THE MOST SHAMEFUL, DISHONEST, CRUDE, AND DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO DISENFRANCHISE GROUPS OF PEOPLE SUSPECTED OF HAVING OPPOSITION SYMPATHIES AT HEART. . . AGAINST THIS PRESENT BACKGROUND, NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS SET TO BE A MASSIVE SCANDAL. . ."

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